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* To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been deemed appropriate for treatment for substance use in 2017; and the number that have received treatment within one week, by LHO, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Preliminary Quarterly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data returned for the first six months of 2017 (January to June) identify that nationally 166 young people under the age of 18yrs commenced treatment following assessment during this period with 98% of them (163) commencing treatment within one week. The below table identifies the numbers deemed appropriate for treatment and the numbers that commenced treatment within one week by CHO area as a), due to low numbers it may possible that individuals could speculate on the identity of some of the recipients and b) treatment is based on location of the treatment site rather than the place of residence of the individual. Note that under 18 treatment service in CHO 7 also covers CHO 6.

CHO Area	January to June 2017	
	No. of substance misusers (under 18 years) for whom treatment has commenced following assessment	No. of substance misusers (under 18 years) for whom treatment has commenced within one week following assessment
1	17	16
2	13	12
3	0	0
4	11	11
5	30	29
6 & 7	39	39
8	39	39
9	17	17
National Total	166	163

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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